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EDUCATION

- 2000 Harvard University, Committee on the Study of Religion, Ph.D.
Buddhism
- 1994 Harvard University, The Divinity School, M.T.S.
Religion and Culture
- 1991 Trinity College
Asian Studies and Religion

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Seattle University, Department of Theology and Religious Studies
Theilene Pigott-McCone Endowed Chair in the Humanities, 2016-2018
Professor, 2016 - Present
Associate Professor, 2007- Present
Chair, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, 2010-Present
Assistant Professor, 2000-2007
Director, Academic Salons Program, 2009-2011
Director, Asian Studies Program, 2004-2008
Affiliated faculty: Asian Studies, International Studies, Women and Gender Studies
- Religion Section, Association of Asian American Studies
Co-chair, 2014-Present
- North American Religions section, American Academy of Religion
Steering committee co-chair, 2012-Present
- Asian North American Religions, Cultures, and Society, Amer. Academy of Religion
Steering committee member, 2012-Present
- Asian Pacific American Religions Research Initiative
Managing Board co-chair, 2011-Present
- The Mugen Project Web Resource for Study of Buddhism
Faculty advisory board, 2011-2014
- Pew Research Center- Religion & Public Life
Asian American Religions Faculty Advisory Board, 2011-13
- Institute for Signifying Scriptures, Claremont Graduate University
Research Consultant, Fall 2006-2010

Dongsan Buddhist College, Los Angeles, CA.
Lecturer 1997-1999.

Kwan Um Temple, Los Angeles, CA
Lecturer, 1997-1999.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Silver Screen Buddha: Buddhism in Asian and Western Film. Bloomsbury Press, 2015.

Being Buddhist in a Christian World: Gender and Community in a Korean American Temple. Seattle and London: University of Washington Press, 2004.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Suh, Sharon A., "Buddhism, Rhetoric, and the Korean American Community: The Adjustment of Korean American Buddhists to the United States" in Richard Alba, Albert J. Raboteau, and Josh DeWing, eds., *Immigration in America: Comparative Historical Perspectives.* (New York: New York University Press, 2009):166-190.

Suh, Sharon A., "Roots/Routes: Transmitting the Buddhadharma across Time and Place: Challenges and Implications for Contemporary Buddhist Women" in *Buddhist Women in a Global Multicultural Community* ed. by Karma Lekshe Tsomo. (Malaysia: Sukhi Hotu Publications, 2008): 3-9.

Suh, Sharon A., " Asserting Buddhist Selves in a Christian Land: The Maintenance of Religious Identity Among Korean Buddhists in America," in David K. Yoo and Ruth H. Chung, eds., *Religion and Spirituality in Korean America*). (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2008): 40-59.

Gutiérrez, Baldoquín, Hilda Ryūmon, Suh, Sharon, Weisman, Arinna, "Race, Ethnicity, and Class," in Peter Gregory and Susanne Mrozik, eds., *Women Practicing Buddhism: American Experiences.* (Boston: Wisdom Publications, 2007): 141-157.

bell hooks, Suh, Sharon, and Karma Lekshe Tsomo, "Women Changing Buddhism: Feminist Perspectives," in Peter Gregory and Susanne Mrozik, eds., *Women Practicing Buddhism: American Experiences* (Boston: Wisdom Publications, 2007): 67-90.

Suh, Sharon A., "To be Buddhist is to be Korean: The Rhetorical Use of Authenticity and the Homeland in the Construction of Post-Immigration Identities," in Spickard and Iwamura, eds., *Revealing the Sacred in Asian and Pacific America* (Routledge Press 2003):177-191.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Suh, Sharon A., "Women in Asian/Asian North American Religions: Whose Asian/North America? Whose Religion," in *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, 31.1, Spring 2015:137-142.

Iwamura, Jane, Joshi, Khyati, Suh, Sharon, Wong, Janelle, "Reflections on the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life's *Asian Americans: A Mosaic of Faiths* Data and Report," in *Amerasia Journal: Asian American Religions in a Globalized World*. Volume 40, Number 1. (2014):1-16.

Suh, Sharon A., "A Review of Carolyn Chen's *Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Experience*" in *Pastoral Psychology* (19 April 2011):583-592.

Suh, Sharon A., "Women in American Buddhism: Whose Buddhism, Whose America?" in *Bridges: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Theology, Philosophy, Religion and Science*, Volume 13, (FALL/WINTER 2006 Numbers 3/4): 247-265.

Suh, Sharon A., "Emptiness- Motherhood and Buddhism," *Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion*, Ed. Serenity Young, New York: Macmillan Publishing USA, 1998.

REVIEWS

Suh, Sharon A., "Review Essay of Joseph Cheah's *Race and Religion in American Buddhism: White Supremacy and Immigrant Adaptation* in *Amerasia Journal* (Volume 38/Number 3/2012):164-168.

Suh, Sharon A., "Book review of Carolyn Chen's *Getting Saved in America: Taiwanese Immigration and Religious Experience*" in *Politics and Religion*. Volume3 / Issue01 / (April 2010):185-188.

ADVISORY CONSULTATION

External Advisor and Researcher. "Asian Americans, Bible Believers," in Vincent L. Winbush, ed., *Misreading America: Scriptures and Difference.*" (Oxford University Press, 2013).

DISSERTATION

Suh, Sharon A., "Finding Selves and Asserting Identities in Koreatown: Buddhism, Gender and Subjectivity," Harvard University 2000. Advisor: Professor Diana Eck.

FORTHCOMING

Suh, Sharon A., "Buddhism and Gender" chapter in the *Oxford Handbook For Buddhism*, Oxford University Press (contracted).

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Text Writer- Wing Luke Museum of the Asian American Experience exhibit entitled, *Bojagi: Unwrapping Korean American Identities*, opening November 13, 2014 through March 10, 2014. Shaped narrative themes through consultation with community advisory committee and wrote text panels for the exhibit on Korean Americans in the Pacific Northwest

Text Writer and Curator- Wing Luke Museum of the Asian American Experience exhibit entitled, *Sacred Seattle...* Curated exhibit and wrote text panels for New Dialogues Exhibit on religion and spirituality in the Asian Pacific American communities of the Pacific Northwest. Exhibit ran 9/16/2010 through 3/11/11.

SELECTED CONFERENCES & INVITED PAPERS

- APRIL 2015 “Author Meets Critics Book Panel: *Silver Screen Buddha: Buddhism in Asian and Western Film.*” Association of Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL.
- MAR 2015 Visioning Retreat Participant and Consultant for the Asian American Center at the Claremont School of Theology, March 20-22, 2015.
- APRIL 2014 "Reimagining the Pathologization of Female Sexuality as the Eroticization of Attention in Pan Nalin's Buddhist film *Samsara.*" Association of Asian American Studies, San Francisco, CA.
- NOV 2013 “Re-Suturing Disrupted Selves: The Use of Koan in Buddhist Film.” American Academy of Religion. Baltimore, MD.
- NOV 2012 “Locating Jane Iwamura's *Virtual Orientalism: Asian Religions in American Popular Culture* within Cultural Criticism and Gesturing toward the Future.” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, IL.
- NOV 2012 “Buddhism, Race, and the Political.” 10th Annual Dharma Academy of North American (DANAM) Conference, Chicago, IL.
- NOV 2012 “Model Minority and Perpetual Foreigner: The more things change, the more they remain the same—Asian Americans and Religious Affiliation.” American Academy of Religion, Chicago-IL.
- SEPT 2012 “Being Buddhist in a Christian Society: Focus on Women.” *Keynote Speaker and Workshop Facilitator-* The Seattle Buddhist Temple Fall Conference, Seattle Buddhist Church, Nishi Hongwanji-ha and Seattle Betsuin Buddhist Women's Association, Seattle, WA.
- APR 2012 “Film as Sutra.” Association of Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- MAR 2012 Working Conference on Race, Politics, and Religion University of Pennsylvania.
- NOV 2011 “New Euro-American Dharma Protectors: Jodoshinshu in Transition.” Association of the American Academy of Religion Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

APR 2011 “Sacred Seattle...: Mapping Religious Identities in the Pacific Northwest.” Association of American Geographers Annual Conference Seattle, WA.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2013 Endowed Mission Fund: Religion, Race, and Public Life
2012 Seattle University Provost’s Summer Faculty Fellowship
2009 Seattle University Summer Faculty Fellowship
2006 Seattle University Summer Faculty Fellowship
2005 Seattle University Endowed Mission Fund Grant
2004 Seattle University College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Scholarship Award
2003 Faculty Summer Technology Institute
2002 Seattle University Summer Faculty Fellowship
2002 Center for the Study of Justice in Society, Seattle University
2002 Endowed Mission Fund, Seattle University

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

2008-2009 Seattle University CAS Rank and Tenure Committee
2004-2010 Seattle University Premedical and Pre-dental Advisory Board
2003-2005 Seattle University Core Assessment Group
2002-2004 Seattle University College of Arts and Sciences Events Committee
2002-2004 Seattle University Asian Studies Program Committee

MANUSCRIPT REFEREE

JOURNALS

Journal of Asian American Studies

MANUSCRIPT REFEREE

ACADEMIC PRESS

Routledge/Taylor & Francis Press

TENURE REFEREE

Northwestern University
University of California-Riverside

EXTERNAL DEPARTMENTAL REVIEWER

Loyola Marymount University- Theological Studies Department

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Loyola University Maryland, Pastoral Counseling

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Asian Pacific American Religion Research Initiative
American Academy of Religion
Association of Asian American Studies

NONPROFIT BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Korean Women's Association, Tacoma, WA. Board of Trustees.
Wing Luke Museum of the Asian American Experience, Community Advisory Committee